

Pronoun-Antecedent Agreement B

8r. Use a singular pronoun to refer to two or more singular antecedents joined by *or* or *nor*.

EXAMPLE Neither **Ramona nor Gloria** could find **her** library card.

8s. Use a plural pronoun to refer to two or more antecedents joined by *and*.

EXAMPLE **Vincent and Jules** have learned all of **their** lines in the play.

EXERCISE A On the line provided in each of the following sentences, write a pronoun that agrees with the antecedent or antecedents. Then, circle each antecedent.

Example 1. Every Sunday Maggie and Roger watched their favorite television show.

- When we're playing tennis, my brother and I never let the other players intimidate _____.
- Either Jason or Raul will bring _____ tool kit to the bicycle race.
- Brenda and Caitlin told us that _____ didn't plan to come to the party.
- If either Brittany or Celine wants to be a successful writer, _____ will need to work hard.
- Leora and Annette pooled _____ resources to buy a birthday present for Jim.
- Please ask Glendon and Maria if _____ science fair project is ready yet.
- Did Lauryn or Marian say if _____ was going to the mock trial?
- Karen and I discussed _____ difference of opinion quite calmly.
- Frank and Tina would like the class to help _____ set up their display.
- Let Kathryn and Michael know in advance if _____ should bring a dish to the party.

EXERCISE B Each of the following sentences contains an error in pronoun-antecedent agreement. Cross out the error, and write the correct pronoun above it. Then, circle each antecedent.

Example 1. Either Denzel or Malcolm will bring ^{his}~~their~~ soccer ball to the game.

- Julio and Spike have brought all of his CDs to the dance.
- Neither Faith nor Deanna knew where their bicycle was.
- Is Melissa or Martina sure they won't join us?
- Let's ask Antonia and Belle if she read the article about comets.
- Does Dutch or Pike have their notebook with him?